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TAGS:CASC (REESE, L. M.)

SUBJECT:ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZEN MISSIONARY

REF: A) BELEM 84, B)STATE 160356

1. THROUGH ERROR IN INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION, ARA/BR DID NOT RECEIVE REFTEL A) UNTIL JULY 7. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT SENATOR THURMOND'S OFFICE WAS BRIEFED.

2. SENATOR'S OFFICE REQUESTS WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ASSIST REV. REESE IN FINDING SOME SOLUTION WHICH WILL AVOID SUBSTANTIAL LOSS TO MISSIONARIES IN FIELD OR SPONSORING US RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED BY OPTIONS LISTED REFTEL B), AND CITES PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR US CITIZENS LEARNING OF DETAILS OF NEW REGULATIONS PUBLISHED IN BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL REGISTRY. SENATOR'S OFFICE ALSO INDICATED US CONGREGATION WOULD PRESUMABLY BE WILLING TO REDESIGNATE ASSIGNEE OF CAR AS RELIGIOUS GROUP IN BRAZIL RATHER THAN REV. REESE PERSONALLY IF THIS WERE HELPFUL.

3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, SENATOR'S OFFICE UNDERSTANDS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT REV. REESE RETURNED TO BRAZIL IN JANUARY 1976 AND THAT

CAR ARRIVED SHORTLY THEREAFTER I.E. AT LEAST BEFORE MARCH OF THIS YEAR. (REF B WAS ADMITTEDLY NOT PRECISE AS TO TIMING.) IF THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT, QUESTION ARISES AS TO RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS WHICH WERE PROMULGATED ON APRIL 8.

4. CONSULATE REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY SITUATION FURTHER ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF APPARENT RETROACTIVITY IN CASE.

5. FOR BRASILIA: INTEREST IS STRONG HERE IN ASSISTING REV. REESE IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION IT IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS MATTER ALSO WITH RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES/OFFICIALS IN CAPITAL IN EFFORT TO COVER ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.

6. POSTS ARE REQUESTED NOTE ERROR IN TAG LINE OF REFTEL B); CORRECT SURNAME OF SUBJECT IS THAT APPEARING IN TEXT, I.E. REESE VICE REEVES. KISSINGER

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